

First part letter in other Book

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#13583 Jas B cos poole \$18.00 Decr 86 #948. Robt.
Farmer #13580 Janu 88. & #1116 Carrell Brandon
nor are any of these notes on Achesons list. It
is almost impossible to get along without the
notes as the first question they ask is what
note was given for and if I cannot tell them
definitely half of them repudiate the whole thing
in the Oak Lakes notes you did not give me
\$400 or Henry Oliver #8325 Decr 87. #13645 Ed Parker
\$34.60 Mar 86. #7032 M Boulaas 47.88 met 15
& 800 P Driv. also in virden no 65 #8392 Jl
Rob. 49.35 Janu 86. #9225-6. 800 N Wmno 135.95
#144.10 Janu 86 & 87. #11376 Israell Aut 1754 Janu 88
In this last I see what judgment. #13537 Arthur
Perry #3536 Janu 87. #40023 J C Meadwin #8339
Janu 89. & H mephi 25 Janu 86 #3145-6-7. Feby
86-87-88 the same man. nor are any of these
in Markep list. There are also a few on the
list that I have not got in my book. I wish
you would let me have all these notes at once
so that I can proceed without delay. I expect
to go out to Souris Monday if you can send
me the Souris notes or I may in any case.
I dont know how long I will be there but
expect Brandon will be my address until
Wednesday or Thursday. Grand view.

also let me have the list & balance of notes along the line as soon as possible. I hope to finish up the lot I have next week and if the rest are no better than the ones I have already gone over they are a mighty poor line. In sending balance of notes & list give me full explanations to save delay in writing and it also helps me very much in deciding what to do in many cases.

I saw Miller about his notes. he is not in business with Paisley but carries on business under name of Miller & Co he says business is not his but that an Eastern firm is running it or rather he is running it for an Eastern firm. He also says he is not worth a cent. Thousands of Dollars are outstanding against him since failure and in one case machinery no. &c &c &c. that Rogers offered to return him notes for \$10. I offered to settle for \$5 & he offered me \$2 which I refused. What do you think we should do with him sent (or more correctly speaking give the notes away) or see? In those judgments you told me to ask Gilmore about. I did not get time before he promised to write me all particulars I have not heard from him yet. I wish you would let me know the articles in each case.

Yours & Co Row

Brandon Sept 16 1890

J H Glinoer Esq

Law Office C

Brandon

Dear Sir.

Mr & McPhail

McPhail was in Doon yesterday and we talked the whole matter over in Petersons office. He apparently did not feel like exceeding Petersons offer the particulars of which I wrote you on Friday, but at last raised his I think I can raise him \$300 but am not sure. I stuck to \$200 but they would not come up saying they would sooner fight and if we would let us get what we wanted, which they said would be nothing I think I should let it. There is \$200 due on his mortgage now encumbrance on his stock crop he has 110 acres of wheat besides stock bills farm help &c &c. He cannot pay anything this fall so he says but will pay as next year. Peterson says that if the man says he will pay he will, but as long as he don't want to we would have hard work to make him

I think perhaps we had better take \$150 if I can get them to that point. I told them yesterday that I would not take less ^{\$10} or on my own responsibility but would give you about \$150.

The man apparently has had hard times and his paper was worthless.

Am going to saws on this morning train to be back Thursday or Friday, so if you could give me here your opinion in the matter I will endeavor to make some arrangements on my return.

Lobalt v Lewis

I saw Clifford Sifton left yesterday in this case and I expect to make a settlement by which he will get a few dollars.

I received your letter of ¹⁰ yesterday morning and was sorry to know you were suffering from such a severe cold. I did not intend to display so much hurry in my letter as to make it necessary to write me on Sunday.

The weather has been wet most or less ever since leaving Winnipeg and almost nothing has been done by way of shooting. I expect to make arrangements with Thomas by which

Brandon Sept 16 1890

J. J. Calvert Esq
Dra. 1319 Winnipeg
Man

Dear Sir,

I am going out to Daures this morning and am train & only have a few minutes to write. I received both of your letters OK & will attend to matters suggested. I expect to make a settlement with Thomas by which we can go on & sell Engine. The offer I made them was we to pay him \$210. out of proceeds of sale. and if we got \$600 or over for Engine to pay him in full out of proceeds. & he of course will help us to sell. I think he will accept these terms. Personally I am satisfied that his bid is good as against ours. if we have a bid at all and I expect the Engine was unsaleable before the repairs were put on. Thomas knows a man whom he thinks might buy & we will drive out and see him on my return. Have you any one in view to whom you think we could sell. Thomas says Engine should bring \$650. but I think it would be better to take

so that you hold over. Could you not arrange
some such terms with Garrett & men in
the Shapley Engine. They can't sell it to
realize their charges & it is a jumbo on
their hands. I think they should be willing
to allow a sale to be made or help us a sale
by us & they to receive their 40% out of
proceeds. Before I forgot it I want you to
send me some money. I will be strapped
by Saturday night unless you do. Send
it to me here at Brandon. I guess you
might as well send \$100. and it would
take trouble of a few remitting in a week
or two. I have not done very much with
this account as yet but I am working
several schemes by which I hope to make
settlements. I may write you in detail when
I have more time at my disposal as to
Martin Wells I hardly know what to say
if we could get balance due of wells I
would not care but if we cannot I hope
to let go the hold we have. In any case
we should have balance due by wells
put in some shape & if he won't go to me
Don't you think it would be better for you
to go up and see him & get the matter in some

shape for as it now stands it is most
unsatisfactory & I am certain wells won't
pay any more money unless it is in
definite shape. I will call arranged with
him I would take the 100 from show.

Have you heard from Meyers, you might
be able to wind them up also, if he has not
written. I offered to take 50 & Cost half
this fall & half next secured or if they would
pay all I would not stick at a few dollars
I think they will come to this or nearly in
fact Meyers almost offered \$200 without
Cost when I was there. The man don't
appear won't much and it is simply
a question of the best possible settlement
How does the Fred C. Brown matter
Stand up now we that he had no
trace of it also I McDonald & Robt.
Farmer both judgments so you said.
In what court is Israel Doutt? Can you
tell me who sold the machinery in the
Cranston case & all about it as far
as you can. There are ^{now} Cranstons living
here & I would like to get hold of the
right one & make him pay if possible
in hast

Yours truly
J. W. Rowell

Lawrie Sept 16, 1890

Mr. Bush, Esq.
Barrister, & C
London, Ont

Dear Mr. Fraser,

Since my last writing you nothing very special has occurred on which I can report. I started on my westward trip a week ago to day, & have got this far on my journey. The notes along the line up to & including Brandon with the exception of one or two are all marked n.g. and in many cases this report was not far off the mark. But although I cannot report anything very definite in any special case, I have a number of schemes in foot and negotiations pending by which I expect we will be able to net \$500. on weeks work. This may seem a small amount but the notes were not large & were widely scattered, of course I mean \$500 out of notes marked n.g. Those marked good the few I had will also come alright. The weather has been so wet & disagreeable that driving has been difficult and on some days impossible. but yesterday and today have

been fine & bright and I am in hopes we can look forward to a few weeks of such weather. During the past ~~of~~ 3 weeks we have had rain at least every other day. sometimes more. sometimes less but always enough to keep the grain wet. Some has commenced to sprout but I think if we get fine weather from now on the damage will not be serious. Of course the greater part of the grain will be colored by the rain. The farmers have been in a state of great anxiety & some in their anxiety have stacked grain not yet dry. with the result as I heard today of one man having to pull down 9 stacks his farm was spoiling and I don't think he will be the only one.

Brandon is a very pleasant enterprising town & the country around is one of the best farming districts in the Province. I was 20 miles south of Brandon Saturday afternoon and the country all through looks well. I made the 40 miles no out & to Rock after 2.30 P.M. Mr W. MacDonald son was with me and on the return we had the pleasure for 15 miles of following the horses to find the road for us. It was dark training neither of us knew the road nor would it have made much

difference as it was impossible to see the trail but the horses brought us through Soferton by 10:30pm and it is not necessary to say after such a drive and at such an hour I did not object to a good hearty dinner. I expect to drive to Lelorraine tomorrow 4 miles from here taking in a half dozen parties on the way making the trip about 6 miles & will endeavor to get back the next day by a different road & see a number more.

How far do you think a credit of a resale on a note would prevent the chance of limitations from running? There are different cases up here where note is more than 6 years past due tho payment same amt resiled by resale. Also would a note say due 1st Sept 83 & sued 4th Sept 89 be in time to prevent ~~stat. ussue~~ operating as a bar to the claim. I never noticed the point, but I would think there could be no doubt that the 3rd would be soon enough as the days of grace should be allowed but how about the 4th. we have two cases in which this arises. Do you think I had better go & see the $\frac{1}{4}$ sec Hook in Stewart debt. when I am at Elkton it lies 75 miles north & had we better sell at what it will bring now or wait for an

increase in price which they anticipate of this
Crop is safely harvested

I saw by the papers that you argued DesRivières
Wallace in Toronto the other day, has decision
been given yet?

I went out to Inuiting Barracks last
Monday to see Mr. Col Taylor, but he was not
in. I will call again when I return to
Winnipeg.

With kind regards to all in the office

Yours sincerely
R. W. Powell

Winnipeg Sept 23 1890

Mr Fraser Esq.
Barister-at-Law
Brandon Mt.

Dear Mr Fraser

I am in receipt of your letter of 18th inst. which was forwarded to me to Brandon & must sincerely thank you for your suggestion re going through to the Coast.

During the past week though I cannot report any large collections or settlements I have succeeded in disposing of some half dozen disputed cases which have been hanging fire for from one to 4 years. There were almost all North American or Globe works Binders which appear to have been perfectly useless and caused the loss of one crop at least to the purchasers in an attempt to make them work. In one case Globe works notes M B v McPhail. the defendant had blamed another for severely for costs over a year ago & we had done nothing since. He left owned $\frac{1}{4}$ sec with about 1600, encumbered to about 700 or 800. a mortgage of 500 on his crop

nd spock & was almost in a position to defy
on judgment when we got it. Though the man
appeared to be honest & hard working. I settled
the claim for 150 payable next year. The man
could pay nothing this as his Crop was mowed
for all it was worth: This amt seemed by second
mogr in land This makes the 150 perfectly
secure. Mr Gilman's Concerned in the Settlement
another case where the man had died about
5 years ago, leaving his farm encumbered
heavy liabilities. nothing had been done since.
The face of four notes was 110. & I obtained a
settlement from widow, who by hard work
has pulled the farm out of the hole where
her husband left it, at 110-0. This amount is
perfectly good. This in the Deptt was marked
bad. The former case being Globe works
was not reported on. In another case of
Globe works binder while the parties had
always refused to pay & this the matter
stood. The debtors having but little ^{not} exempt
from seizure. I settled for full face value
that at between 5-6% payable 100 this
full balance next secured by mogr on
1/2 sec worth 3500 at the least encumbered
to the year at of 150. This amount may also be

Considered perfectly secure. The other cases were similar in me I settled the whole business \$150 for 90 but the man was in Q. as reported by Calvert & local Solicitor & that was all I could get out of him in fact they all refuse point blank to pay a cent until they are talked into it. I was also able by a little investigation to get some valuable information about two parties who had left the Country I got their address, found their land, and discovered parties who owe each one of them more than amt of our claim. In one case where our claim is \$150 the man owns a sec. subject to \$2000 & ruled for \$30, we will take steps at once to garnish rent, as we can garnish here before judgment. All these cases where Settlements were made or where I made a discovery of parties location the Report, where there was me, was "bad"

The weather for the past five days has been all that could be desired for farming purposes and the Stocking & Threshing are progressing rapidly. Should the fine weather continue during the balance of this week as it has every appearance of doing the greater part of the wheat will be stocked. The sample in

Some locolites is not so bad as it was at one time expected to be. In some cases its badly bleached. But taking the crop as a whole there is going to be a lot of good grain in the country. During last week I drove over 10 miles through Central & Southern Manitoba and any one who likes to see plenty and apparent prosperity could not but enjoy the scene. The more I travel through the country the better I like it. & I am commencing to navigate a little with a adriver. I drove 36 miles southwest Selkirk last Thursday after 3:30 o'clock making some stops on the way. I drove 10 miles after dark without seeing a sign of house or human habitation guiding my course by the stars the first time I ever put them to practical use or rather in Manitoba is the first place I have done so. & I have often taken them as pilots here. when I struck the first farm house (and I confess I was feeling anxious to find one as I know I had gone about far enough if I was on right trail) I found myself just 3 miles south of where I wanted to go. But as there was no direct trail or trail which I could follow in the dark. I stayed all

right, they were good Scotch Presbyterians
what was lacking in surroundings and
in fact of late they made up in hospitality. on
Friday I drove 80 miles, I changed horses
in the afternoon and on Friday Saturday
50 miles arriving at Brandon at 7 P.M.
The farmers appear in much better humor
than a week or ten days ago. & there is more
than hope for the country yet. I came
down to Winnipeg this afternoon to consult
with Calvert about several matters in which
negotiations for settlement were pending
and also to get notes & instructions for the
trials away out west. I am endeavoring
to get every thing in shape so that I can
go west again tomorrow evening & will
continue westward until main line is
completed. I find that the farther west I get
the more necessary is careful attention to the
notes & I expect it will take fully six weeks
if not more for me to complete the line when
this however is complete I hope to have notes
in such a shape as to get off for a week
or so to visit the coast. I suppose your
brother has fully recovered long before this
is back at the office as usual with kind regards
to all Yours sincerely R.W. Rowell

Brandon Sept 21/90

Hachison Esq

Bartister & Co.

Sear's Man

Dear Sir

I enclose a note signed by James Ames for \$100. This note is also to be signed by Thos Ames & Geo Ames & when so signed is to be accepted by us in full of a claim provided certain representations made by James Ames as to his financial position is found correct, James Ames promised me Saturday evening last that his brothers would come in & sign this at your office next Saturday night. I enclose also an unsigned note a duplicate of note signed by James Ames. If you can get all parties to sign this note do so, & tear up the one signed by James. I wish you would do this if it can possibly be done. You can tell them that it will save two witnesses signing note & C & C my real reason is, I fear that the note I send you was signed after 12 o'clock Saturday night. & Ames I think is just

sharp enough to make as bullet if he
can. You might return note after signature
to Mr. Calvert.

I also enclose note \$136.47. from Hutchinson
8/10 Thirt. I did not intend to take this
note with me, as it was not included in
settlement. This is a note of Mr. Hutchinson
Jr. I told him to pay the money to you. He
promised to do so by 1st November.

I suppose Brandon has given you the
order in Massey's Co.

Yours truly,

M. M. Powell

McGregor Sept 26 1890

79 Calverre Esq.
Winnipeg man

Dear Sir/

Re Williams notes

I saw Mr. W. Williams about this claim yesterday but could not come to any settlement. As he refused to do anything before seeing his Brother. He said he had not heard of claim from the day Engine was taken back until now & that the Agent who took the machinery promised to return notes. He claimed to know the law & that we could not collect if we took machinery before judgment. I tried to disabuse his mind of this delusion (If it be a delusion²), but in any case he claimed that machinery was paid for as we had sold for more than the balance due on notes. I wish you would send me the original bill also a statement showing all payments distinguishing those obtained by resale & making up the balance due. I would like this as soon as possible as Mr. W. is coming down to McGregor to see you in about a week and I promised

let them have it before that time you might
 cut it down at Virden & I will forward to them
 I wish to write them a letter at same time
 Mr. Evans $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. worth \$1600 encumbered by mogl
 \$800 he has 115 acres magnificent wheat
 which should yield 30 bushels to acres mogl for
 bout \$800. so you see there is a good margin
 also has $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in 6 acres wheat on his
 brother Williams farm.

William is down at Melrose buying wheat
 he owns $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. & pre-emption ~~has~~ has not yet
 got his patent as he has not lived on it long
 enough at any one time. There are no judgments
 against him and his $\frac{1}{4}$ sec after paying
 his premium should be worth at least \$2000
 to first class land. I wish his note had
 not been outlawed. He was not under the
 delusion you thought he was. in fact he
 told me straight, "your note is outlawed not
 worth a cent" but I worked a scheme that
 helped me out somewhat. I gave the note to Gilman
 last night & told him to issue wit this morning
 which I expect he did so I tried the Bluff game
 & said wit was issued & C & C but as case was
 none to strong I had to act cautiously
 & not push too much & I also knew that I

must get a settlement in this before his
brother saw him about Thresher notes. The
amt notes for \$500. So this fall & \$400 next fall I
enclose notes. I think we could have worked
another \$100 or \$150 out of him had we been
in a position to force matters, as his
1st sec. should certainly be good for amt.
After settled this up & put notes in pocket I
tackled him about the other with result as
above stated.

I wish you would write a good strong
dunning letter to all parties from whom we
have taken machinery or from whom Mathmen
has been taken, stating that you must again
request payment &c &c. It would prepare them
for the rude awakening that a personal call
gives them & I would be better able to make
settlements as they would have had time to
think matter over. I think the position we should
take in any case is. The company took the
machinery back sold same & pd amt into us
which we have credited on notes & look to the
makers for the balance. Re SS Little
Baker & Hess of Douglas will send you to
in full of this claim on 1st nov. I left the
notes with them & I am satisfied we will get

get the money all o.k.

Re Holmes

I did not tell you yesterday, for reasons, that Holmes has 50 acres wheat which Sheriff has not seized & which neither the Sheriff, Elliot or Harris knows exists. I saw it when I was out there & then I put it to Curran straight he admitted the fact. They are of course very anxious to settle & will for us in a pinch all round but they wont us to help them through with Compromise I think they will go as the 700. I asked, I have left the case in Barretts hands & you might visit him. I told Curran that we should not hold off & let the others scoop the pot & that if we delayed he should get us a confession of malpractices so that if Bellmead not carried we would come in. This he promised to do. but I think he is a ----- & Barrett is going to try & get that mob to see us. we had better keep dark about this other 50 acres wheat. I am going up to Virden to night

Yours truly

M.W. Rowell

The Sheriff has seized Bradleys Crop & the old man claims it. I said we would fight. what do you think? while thinks they will settle sooner than go to Court

Virden Sept 16 1890

W C Hunter Esq
Barresero's
Decorarie

Dear Sirs

I must apologize for not sending you the \$15 sooner but I only returned to Brandon. I was again disappointed and had to become another man's debtor in order to get out of the town. I have however at last got out of financial straits & beg to enclose the amount with many many thanks for your kindness

R.S. H. Robinson

I handed this matter over with Calvert & he promised to send you note with instruction get hold of this money if you can.

To Oliver Johnson

I find I cannot very well take this job out of Aicheson's hands so I have written Johnson to send the money to Aicheson not to you. You understand the proscription will know my reasons.

I also asked Calvert to send you Ballock note kindly acknowledged except so far as I find you have received but 131 & not 140. Yours truly Mr. Howell

Verden Sept 26 1890

Allen W. Turner Esq.

Magistrate
Man.

Dear Sir.

Remolson Bank Mgr.

on account of the new real property act. I find they will not register your Deed to the Bank unless it is put under this act. It has to be done some time as nothing can be done with property unless it is and it costs very little for the grantee from the Crown to get a certificate. It would not cost you more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of a disbursement - I wish you would send your Patent into Mr Calvert so that we can have the necessary proceeding taken. Of course was as mortgages can do it by getting a certificate of your Patent from the Government & making the application but this is only incurring useless expenditure to back you up seeing you have patent kindly attend to matter at once I wrote you brother some time ago to send in Patent but have not heard from him & we cannot delay application much longer

Yours truly
D. W. Powell

Oaklawn Sept 30/90

W. McDonnell Esq.
Barrister & C
Brandon man

Dear Sir

Re Creighton

I draw out & saw Creighton yesterday about his note, you remember writing Calvert telling me that O'Donohue said Creighton had settled with him for this note; Calvert tells me that O'Donohue never had this note, it did not belong to him and he had no right or authority to settle for it. we had no knowledge that he had done so. Creighton told me that Daly & Caldwell who were O'Donohue's solicitors sued him for all these notes and he paid them for same. Creighton appears to be an honest old gentleman if he states the facts as I expect he does O'Donohue must be a rogue. I enclose you note Creighton will be in the latter part of the week to see about it, naturally he does not wish to pay note twice but we certainly are not to blame & cannot afford to loose for O'Donohue's sin.

The note now amounts to about 16² a. I would sooner

make a small deduction, considering the circumstances, than go to suit. At the same time Crighton is good for full amount. If we are enabled to recover we can't reduce our claim to ~~much~~. He said if he had to pay he did not know whether he could pay all this year or not we would like it wound up this year but I do not wish to press the old man too hard and if he cannot pay ^{all} this year take renewal notes for this fall & for next. The old gentleman is honest I think if he thinks he has to pay will do so. He will go to Donly about the matter and perhaps you & he can wind the affair up

Reames

If anything has been done in this case you might drop me a note to Mozzaman any time up to 10th Oct. also about Crighton

Yours truly
M.W. Powell

One may say that he collected money & applied on acct he has a claim against the Company, if that is the place he lies as he has no claim against Company. If he had with that ^{me} has no money to do

Oaklak Sept 30 1890

H. G. Calvert, Esq.
Winnipeg
Man

Dear Sir

Re Val Williams

Manley gave me these notes, he could do nothing with them & said the old man had disposed of his land to his children some years ago & the property had again been sold to other children, Williams is now a squatter carrying on Blacksmith Shop in a small way here. I gave him back his notes & enclose a new note for \$100 with an endorser as good as the wheat.

Wm Williams

Also enclose Wm Williams notes

Re Geo Vickery

Two of these notes have been paid off. on the 1st on principal of the first one she said he had paid out the interest in repairs & would pay no more. On the second one the principal & interest due date was paid 3 mos after due. The note was as paid

off altogether & they remained only the last
 hole #3196 30 P.M. The machinery as usual was
 n.g. & the old man was cursing himself
 because he had paid a cent & refused to pay
 more. I had quite a time with the old lady. She
 would see everybody in H - before they would pay
 another cent for the d - thing & they both
 emphatically declared, & I think sincerely
 though possibly mistaken, that the notes were
 not theirs. & they would swear that his notes were
 made out & signed with indelible pencil & C.C
 If we went to Court & a farmer is jury I thought
 it would not be unlikely for them to find no
 a forgery. & that for us a settlement would be
 the best thing so after hours talk & a good
 deal of Bluff. I got a new note from the old
 man for \$15, which I enclose, and when he
 pays this I sincerely think he has paid enough
 for machine. I gave up old notes as this was
 only way we could get a new one.

Re Crighton

He says Dally & Caldwell sued him for \$10000.00 on all
 these notes & that he paid all to them so Donohue told
 him to pay no attention to our letters. I explained our
 position to him & he is coming into Brandon the last
 of the week to see about it. I sent the note back

to McDonald

Mark Hellier

I have just met this mans Cousin & he says he is back at Rosser farming I return note, could you not see him or Thomas at Rosser.

Re Chisholm

I got these notes from Manby & saw Chisholm. we did not settle. Chisholm owns 31^{1/4} of section & has 160 acres wheat he says there are no mowers on his farm so he says, & that he will pay if he has to, but not unless. He is a very decent fellow. I think will come to time. Manby wrote him once about note & Chisholm called to see him with a witness & asked who held notes. Manby replied "The North American Co." Chisholm said this was all he wanted machining no & to see away. I return your notes I would have Gilmour issue writ at once on the Bank notes & send out for service. I think it will be a 2 B. suit. If County Court would it have to be sued at Brandon? Chisholm said he thought McDonald would be his solicitor. Chisholm is good as cash & we should not settle at a very large discount I would have taken \$750 yesterday I think now we should get \$850 & costs or perhaps \$300 & costs. Chisholm returned

In a machine I advertised holes in papers.

If you place holes in prominent hands you might inform me, & I will write him. If it has to be sued in Brandon had we better give them time.

R McDonald

This man you say lives at Viola Dole about 4 miles from here. I have nothing else up that way, can't the Bailiff work him?

I did not get away to Virden last night, as I was to late for train it was 12 o'clock when I got in I made between 70 & 80 miles yesterday with my train. I am going up on freight this am.

Re your holes.

I enclose list with Manley's report on man for whom out at Bradwardine yesterday. I enquired for Mr. McKenzie. There was a Mr. McKenzie who was on Mowatt's Strange's farm. This man has skipped country. There is another Mr. McNeil on out River.

Ed Parker is at

Richerne Butchering. Can you get after him? I will this completes my budget this morning

Yours truly,
Mr. Powell

Oak Lake Sept 30 1890

Mr Fraser Esq.
Barclay & Co
London Ont

Dear Mr Fraser,

I have nothing very special to report for the past week. The work has been progressing in a fairly satisfactory manner & I have made a number of settlements about the same as those reported in previous letters, but it is not necessary to weary you with the details. Some parties who were supposed to have left the Country I have succeeded in locating but many more I have not. It seems a pity that these matters were not pushed 2 or 3 years ago when thousands of Dollars that will now be lost might have been saved. In two or 3 cases where the parties are good & I could not settle on satisfactory terms I have written Mr Calvert to see & I imagine they will all come to him. There are very few who do not appear to realize that our position is good & that they must pay if the facts are as we state them but they rely on Rogers' letters & do in the name

the Toy season the fact that we have not pressed on claims. In more than one case the parties have said "why didn't you sue long ago if you think you can win" or "I told you years ago I would not pay why didn't you sue" to such persons I have not left in doubt as to what we would do in case they would not settle. & if we follow up what I have said by a suit I think most of them will come to terms. I honestly can't blame them much for not wanting to pay if they can help it. for to understand the character of the machinery one has to but travel a few miles through the country. I think there can be little doubt but that in many cases the machines have been the cause of 100's loss to the respective owners by loss of crop in attempting to make the things work. I had quite an instructive address from a farmer's wife yesterday about this machinery. I was talking to the husband about notes when she came up. Her vigorous language for about 15 minutes was along this line "I would see them all in H - before I would pay another cent for the D - thing or C & C & around up by saying that it had caused more swearing ten times over than it was worth. I settled with

the husband however notwithstanding standing her protest. The best plan I find is, to use a strong expression, "To stay right with them" & after they have worked of their bill you can generally get down to business. I had one delicate case last week where the note was \$500 + accumulated interest amounting in all to over \$800. The note was outlived, why Calvert allowed this, I don't know, unless he thought the man was sick or had left the Country, as a matter of fact he was away for two or three years but is now back. I had Gilman issue a writ with this as a Bluff I got renewals for \$50. I think the fellow will try to pay, & in a year we will be able to make him pay. he owns 1/2 sec. or his homestead & pre-emption worth at least \$500 but has not yet got his Patent nor paid his pre-emption which is \$400. He has 75 acres of wheat in this year or shares with his brother his farm on the farm next year to work it himself. so although it is still a doubtful claim in the sense that we could not at present make the money, I think we are sure to get the amount in a year or two at most. \$50 is payable this fall. He will pay this out of his Crop. \$400 next fall, which expects a payoff of next year's crop, if not he

will have completed his homestead duties & hopes to have talent by that time & will raise the money on his farm.

The weather still continues most favorable for harvesting. The last few days are the warmest we have had since I came to Manitoba & by the end of this week if no change takes place harvest will be almost completed. Notwithstanding the damage by frost rain the crops will all be magnificent & there is not much grain but what will bring as good a price as the best has done other years & the best grain will bring 30c per bush moh.

I came down to Virden today noon & will leave for Mossamiv in the Territories to-morrow night.

I saw by the paper that Mr RM Meredith had been appointed to vacant Judgeship in Chy Dist. was this a surprise. I never heard his name mentioned for such a position.

The driving still continues pleasant this fine weather I made between 70 & 80 miles yesterday with a team of ponies but did not get in in time to catch my train. It left at 10^{am} & I did not get in until 12 P.M.

Yours truly

MR. R. E. WELL

Moosomin Oct 4 1890

Mr Fraser Esq.
Barrister
Lawyer.

Dear Mr Fraser.

Your letter of the 27th Sept
Came to hand in due time having been forwarded
to me here. as you see by the heading of my
letter I am gradually working my way
westward but I expect to make a considerable
halt here & it will take some time to fit from
this town to Regina. Mr Forbes our solicitor
here has more ^{of my} holes for collection by far than
any in Manitoba and I might add with a
good deal of truth know less about them. I
expect he has a rather good practice & his time
may be well taken up and I would judge except
in a few special cases, he has simply written
the parties & where they did not pay the thought they
were worth it advised suit which advice as he
says was in most cases not followed and in
many cases where the machinery was not first
class he reported this story to Calvert. These
also stood over. I have spent to day in

endeavoring to get the work into shape. There are about 150 holes scattered over a country about 30 miles East, West of this point & extending about 60 miles each side of Ry. My method of procedure was to get a map of the country so through the holes & get a description of the man's land & then mark every man's name & location on the map. & by this means I can take a certain section for each day's drive as I think the best thing to be done under the circumstances is to personally see every man. Many of them I believe say as no, but I am not satisfied that he really knows their position & though it will take much longer than I had expected to spend in this district & be expensive as the drives are long from the interests of the collectors & for the satisfaction of knowing what the true state of facts is I think I should take the map around. in fact I have already struck one man whom we never could locate before & just caught him the last day before the note outlawed. I got a renewal note payable 1st Decr. & the man so I believe & all say is as good as the wheat. The note was no longer ¹⁰ but interest brought it up to \$5. & this will go some distance at least to pay expenses.

After two or three weeks of delightful weather it has again turned cold raining for the past two days. The Harvest however is almost completed though some grain is still in the shock farm in hopes however that it will clear up before Monday. as I wish to get in a big weeks work and we can't do very heavy driving in this country over muddy roads.

I think the crops in the Territories are more injured by frost than in Manitoba as yet very little threshing has been done out here and to estimate the damage would be simply guess work. The prices however are very satisfactory to the farms good wheat bringing from 80 to 60¢ C. & Imperial from 60 to 68¢ or 60 is about the highest they got for good No 1 hard last year. I noted what you said about the East where Binders have been broken at once & you will see in Collection setting forth our position I stated that on payment of \$1 or 40¢ we would deliver up the notes also noted your remarks in last letter re delivering up notes in cases where machinery useless & the parties poor. If we were to carry out the idea in its entirety & allow sentiment to govern we would deliver up possibly \$r. 43 at least of our collections

Of course I know you don't mean that. The principal I have tried to carry out is to get all I can without really driving the man to the wall. In fact when the claims are at all large we must give the man a chance in our own interest in order that he may work it out. If I continue to work along this line I trust it will be satisfactory to Mr Cobalt.

I hope you did not think by my references more than once to the machinery due possible to the fact that I never go out a day but what I meet with it. That I thought it was oppression on the part of Mr Cobalt to collect these notes I certainly had no such thought. business is business and in the great majority of cases where our position is fairly presented to the parties though they believe they have been swindled & possibly they have they don't look upon us as the swindlers or oppressors had our position been properly presented to them before I don't think the settlement would have been so long delayed and I have found that after all is said & done there are but comparatively few men but what if you talk to them fairly & candidly, you can soon convince them that you are prepared to deal fairly by them and except in a few cases

when the business has all been done I have left the parties in the best of terms.

During the past three weeks I have been navigating the County without a drive, it saves $\frac{1}{2}$ per day. & I have not got lost very often on two or three different occasions I have driven from 20 to 30 miles after dark through an unknown County & turned up safe bound at the end of the journey. I could not do it of course if the days were not bright & the night clear for if there is not much settlement where I can make inquiries I have to guide my course by the sun or stars as the case may be as I think I have before written there are no roads or fences in this County & the mails wind in every direction as it is within 15 minutes of 4 o'clock I must close. In ordinary conversation the one hour system is not much used up here with Kind regards to all in the office

Yours sincerely

M. W. Rawles

I would like if Mr. Monk would send me two more of these books, for writing with Stencil pen. I don't think they keep them out west.

Moosomin Oct 10, 1890

W. A. MacDonald Esq

Attorney at Law

Brandon Man

Dear Sir

Re Creighton

This is John Hobart Hole

Re Scott

I am just a little surprised at David Scott depending after his direct admissions and promise to pay made to us when out to see him

I do not expect to be back in Brandon unless it is necessary perhaps at all or at least for a couple of months as after I complete my work along the line & this will take me about a month or 5 weeks I intend going through to the Coast I doubt San Francisco Coming home via U.S. to Vpg.

I can however make as strong an affidavit as you think necessary based upon our conversation while out at Scott's place, can we now to strike out reference in afft in your CC?

I agree with you that it makes a fellow feel like pushing other holes but we don't want to have a protracted fight with a man of straw

What are these other Scott Notes given for, my
 Collection was, all globe works Binder but I see
 I have only two Notes & these would not make
 up a Binders price. Do you think it would be
 wise to delay action until we see how we come
 out in this present action. I mean last to make my
 money. There can be no doubt about our being in
 Bma note holders of the North American & Stevens
 Minnit Burns Co's paper and I am instructed
 from London that the same applies to Globes
 works Notes. These were transferred by Coyle
 Williams Bank & have all afterwards took over
 account now held notes. I will be near for an answer
 yet & if you wish an afft within the time I
 will be pleased to make it. If not you might
 let me know when you will. I will keep you ex-
 posed as to my whereabouts.

Enclosed find \$15. borrowed from you I am
 sorry to have been so long delayed in returning
 amount. accept my sincere thanks for kindness
 shown.

Yours truly
Mr Powell

I have settled Robert & Lewis with Sifton at
 \$50. so finally, let the suit drop you asked

Worcester Oct 22 1890

What say ye

Moorsom Head

Dear Sirs

I enclose you a note to Mr Jas Barber
of Matbrook Ranch, now held by Mr. Probart
for Mr. & Mrs. Mr. Campbell informs me that
this man should be good for any due which
is something over £60 he threshed the other day
and has about 400 bushels wheat. I did not
have time to go and see him. I think you told me the
other day that you had an agent in Whitewood
he might be able to catch him when he brings wheat
in. If you think better tell. I wish the money
made and am not particular how you do it.

The note has now stood a number of years & Barber
must pay up this year. Kindly give the matter your
best attention. There may not be much time to
lose, ^{as} if others are pressing he will likely be selling
his wheat. If your agent at Whitewood could get
a chattel mortgage from him we might wait a month
or so but I would not trust him that long
unless he secures us. Kindly acknowledge
receipt to Colvert

Yours truly
Mr. Rowell

Mosley Oct 23 1890

29 Cat o'at Eggs

Box 1310

W. H. A.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find following notes

#9680, 9686 Cobell Bros last trace of them in
Montana or western States

In Bonnies 1332 left the Country may be
out towards Edmonton N. W.

#11377, 11378 Parka shorts I did not see these
men as you reported them good keys should be
made to pay up this fall

#10012 Henry Oliver #17094 Joe Rouse #10000
Robinson added to table I have written him

Yours truly
W. H. A.

Reappelle 00177/1190

Agcalaw Est

Bow 1310

Minifreq

Dear Sirs

Enclosed please find Lucas ~~thru~~ no's 13514 & 13519.

Note A M & William Klickson for \$30 I don't see
any reason why Klickson should get Commission
on this note

Also Enclosed find notes Walker, Broley due
July 9, 1st Dauy or \$10 each

Yours truly
M. Powell

Indian Head Oct 29 1890

F Forbes Esq
Attorney & C
Moosomin

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find note R H C B
for \$1 due Jan 16 No. 10710.

I didn't see Young Blythe but saw his father. He
got off a long story about harrow mg. & returned them
that in any case his son is mg.

I am informed that the son has a homestead
& you had better take a crack at him. The name is John
Lobato & Rinaldy, issue a writ at once in his name
I will be glad to hear from you at any time in
reference to collections or any particular suit or note
Rinaldy acknowledge receipt of this note & of James
note sent you the other day, tellers suit Bdy 1319
which will be forwarded

Yours truly
M. K. Rowell

Indiana Head

Nov 3rd 1890

J. Calvert Esq

Box 1219

Nampa

Dear Sirs

Enclosed please find following notes

James Calvert \$1 due Jan 1st 92James Calvert \$1 due Jan 1st 93Robertson \$1 due Jan 1st 91Robert Scott \$1 due Oct 1st 91Clonde Hamilton \$1 due Jan 1st 92
C. K. Hall \$1 due Jan 1st 92
C. K. Hall \$1 due Jan 1st 93

McBell \$1 due Mar 86 & 13657

James McDonald \$1 due Jan 1st 93Angus McRory \$1 due Jan 1st 93

J. A. Gilles \$1 due Mar 84 \$1 unpaid west work

Only we cannot afford to collect

P. D. McQuall \$1 due Mar 77 10078, 10079 & 10080

Informed to you on these before

G. W. Faulkner \$1 due Dec 89

" \$1 & 50 due Dec 89

Samuel Sheden \$1 due Mar 84

L. Fraser \$1 due Oct 86. send to

while we see if he can locate him I heard he was
brushing near Nampa

A. M. Pittie \$30 due Oct 1, 90 will send you

37 in full in a few days but does not bear it but I added a 70 for trouble of going to see him
I Kearns # 90971 9098

Samuel Reifer farming at High Bluff should be able to pay Journey exps without judgment that he went out once to make a survey have given my name of judgment from string # 11269.80
W J Robinson 9575 is due Jan'y 16

Reported

Jame Bell # 9349.9350 9351 9352

Chas Thompson H 9329.875 due Jan'y 16 wrote you before about this man

Joseph Hall # 11634 111633 by writing to St Johns Dakota or Burlington Ile Kola see if you can locate him I will keep these holes I may be going near these places

This is all at present

Yours truly
M W Powell

Regd a.m. 9. A.M. 1890

A. W. Dickson, Esq.
Attorney at Law
Binghamton, N.Y.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find note # 9819
Inv a Recs for 100 due Jan 16. 1867 # 9348. Cavanaugh
& Co. perthom due Jan 16 for 500.00 also Chas
Mose Capithom Conesth amercanay 100.00. Mo. of
Cavanaugh to C. 1046. Mo. of Indoll 67.00
Mo. of Tarrant to Hoball 59.18 Mo. of Mchead
Hoball 17.00

Kindly acknowledge to J. L. Winnipeg

Yours truly
M. Howell